



NYTD Fact Sheet

Program Description

The Chafee Foster Care Independence Act (CFCIA) of 1999 requires the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) to develop and implement a data collection system to track the Independent Living Program (ILP) services provided to youth, and to develop outcome measures that may be used to assess a state's performance in operating their independent living programs. California began collecting and reporting data to ACF on a semi-annual basis, beginning with the federal fiscal year (FFY) time period of October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011.

Program Background

On February 26, 2008, the ACF Children's Bureau published its Final Rule on NYTD in the Federal Register. The final rule outlined new requirements for states to collect and report data on foster youth. States began to comply with the regulations on October 1, 2010. The primary goals of the NYTD program are to obtain data that will help make informed decisions about service provision and improve transition services and outcomes for current and former foster care youth.

To continue to receive federal Chafee funds, and to be able to provide ILP Services to foster youth, the California Department of Social Services is required to transmit the NYTD survey data every six months to the ACF in a specified format. Failure to meet the required response rate and submit 90 percent error free data will result in federal penalties. If penalties are assessed, Chafee funding will decrease, resulting in less ILP services available to transition age foster youth.

Funding Accessibility

- No additional federal funding is allocated for the NYTD program.
- Federal funds from Chafee Title IV-E have been realigned to the counties in 2011.

Data Collection Requirements

- Collect data, within the six month reporting period, on every youth receiving ILP services, regardless of foster care status (Kin-GAP, Probation), and any other youth receiving services that is considered “after care” (i.e. no longer in the foster care system, unless the youth has reentered under AB 12), that is paid for or provided by the State agency.
- Track the number and characteristics of children receiving ILP services.
- Track the type and quantity of ILP services that are provided to foster youth.
- Develop outcome measures to assess the State’s performance by administering a long term study of surveys completed by foster youth at ages 17, 19, and 21.

Baseline Population

During the initial 12 month period, all 17 year old youth in foster care during the FFY 2010-2011 were offered the NYTD survey. The youth who participated during the eligible time period became the baseline population.

Follow-Up Population

The follow-up population is comprised of all foster youth that completed the NYTD survey in FFY 2010-2011 (approximately 1800); these youth will be surveyed again at age 19 and 21. The second cohort of foster youth turning 17 will be surveyed from October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014.